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The Honorable Julius Genachowski, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition for Declaratory Ruling, FCC No. 11-109

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

Thank you for the opportunity to present my views on what I consider an important issue before the FCC. As a safety official and first responder in a rural county in Kentucky, I support the position taken by LightSquared, which has filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling before the FCC. I understand that LightSquared has asked the FCC to issue a ruling allowing it to move forward with its goal of providing universal 4G cell and broadband service to rural America.

I have written both to the FCC and to the NTIA in the past, to share my experiences with bad cell phone service, and to support the efforts of LightSquared. Often, the inability to communicate with other first responders hinders our efforts. In these days when government budgets are being cut to the bone, and when hard decisions are being made every day about what programs to cut and what programs to fund, it is good to know that LightSquared does not plan to use any governmental or taxpayer money to develop its system of terrestrial based towers coupled with a satellite-based system.

I know that it is difficult to balance all the goals of the FCC. I know that universal broadband coverage is a goal, and I know that we need to use all of our spectrum in order to be able to compete in business with the rest of the world. I also know that we need to increase competition in the marketplace. LightSquared will market its services through a network of independent retailers who will provide jobs in rural areas where those jobs are badly needed. The granting of LightSquared's petition would help meet each of these goals. LightSquared has followed the proper procedure and played by the rules here, and appears to be the only private player in the market which can quickly meet each of the FCC's goals without the expenditure of any taxpayer money.

Small counties like mine need help. We need good broadband service, and we need good cell phone service. I urge the FCC to grant LightSquared's Petition, so that we can have the benefit of both GPS and cell phone service.

Sincerely,

Chuck Geveden